

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with attorney on 05/06/2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

On page ⁸~~6~~, regarding claim 10, add --computer-readable-- after "A".

On page 7, regarding claim 14, add --computer-readable-- after "A".

On page 8, regarding claim 19, add --computer-readable-- after "The".

On page 9, regarding claim 22, add --computer-readable-- after "The".

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Independent claim 1 recites, "plurality of mark thumbnail pictures of a picture extracted as a characteristic picture, or a thumbnail picture of a picture specified by a user", "said second thumbnail data being generated as a second independent mark thumbnail file of only said plurality of mark thumbnail pictures of said second thumbnail data" and "each playlist further including a plurality of said mark thumbnail pictures," which are unique features that are not disclosed by prior art.

Claims 4-8 are allowable because they depend either directly or indirectly from independent claim 1 as discussed above.